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SUBJECT: CHENG HENG FAMILY

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1. AFTER THOROUGH REFLECTION CHENG HENG SAID THAT HE CANNOT ACCEPT RESETTLEMENT IN A NORTHERN AREA SUCH AS WISCONSIN. HE BELIEVES HIS HEALTH AND THAT OF HIS WIFE WILL NOT PERMIT THEM TO ADAPT TO SUCH A DIFFICULT NEW CLIMATE AT THEIR AGE AND AFTER THEIR RECENT OPERATIONS. HE NOTED THAT THE YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY COULD PROBABLY ADJUST, BUT HIS TRAVELS IN THE UNITED STATES BOTH AS MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND AS CHIEF OF STATE HAD CONVINCED HIM THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT SUCH A CLIMATE. HE SAID THAT IF IT WERE NOT POSSIBLE TO RELOCATE HIM IN LOUISIANA OR FLORIDA -- WHERE HE ALSO COULD PLAN TO PUT TO GOOD USE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE -- HE WOULD LIKE TO GO TO MARYLAND TO BE NEAR HIS SON-IN-LAW CHIN SARIEM, 8B8 STERLING ROAD, SILVER SPRINGS, MD.

2. CHENG HENG DID NOT THINK THAT ANY USEFUL PURPOSE COULD BE SERVED BY HAVING ANY MEMBER OF THE VOLAG COME TO PARIS. HIS DECISION WAS VERY SIMPLY MADE ON THE BASIS OF CLIMATE AND HEALTH ABOUT WHICH FACE-TO-FACE DISCUSSION COULD ADD VERY LITTLE. IF THE VOLAG WISHED FURTHER COMMENT ON THIS PROBLEM, IT COULD DISCUSS IT

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WITH HIS SON-IN-LAW.

3. WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS
MAY 23. WE SHALL NOT PREPARE DOCUMENTATION (PARA 9
REFTEL) UNTIL WE ARE INFORMED THAT VOLAG HAS COMPLETED
NEW PREPARATIONS TO RECEIVE FAMILY (PARA 4 REFTEL).
WE SHALL BE IN TOUCH WITH U.S. MISSION GENEVA VIA
TELEPHONE TO ARRANGE NEW DEPARTURE DATE IF AND WHEN WE
HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF FINAL DEPARTMENT APPROVAL AND
COMPLETION OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND DOCUMENTATION.
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